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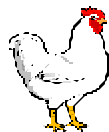
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to weak in all areas. Demand covered the full range, mostly moderate at best, but was strongest for retail ads, fast food, and increased weekend needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to easily satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair. Dark meat and tenders were in the best positions with supplies close balanced to tight and moving well; however, the remaining breast items and wings were fully adequate to ample and frequently discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	55.00-76.00	68.14	28
New York	71.00-73.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	73.00-76.00	61.00-81.00	73.73	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
970	70.02-76.00	73.88
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,259
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	5,735
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,335
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50	1,027
LEG QUARTERS	34.50	7,009
WINGS	92.50	2,976

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trading into the Chicago area were slightly lower from Monday's final. The market tone remained about steady to weak on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings were fully adequate for the cautious trade interest. Retail and food service demand was irregular and covered the full range; retail ads and fast food reported to garner best interest. Floor stocks were in balance to long; weights mostly desirable. Parts trade centered on dark meat cuts for the most part with some resistance noted on higher asking levels; tenders were in good balance and wanted while other white meat cuts remained burdensome and discounted to help clear. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat and tenderloins and steady to weak on balance.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, best for retail ads, fast food, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to handle light trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to active. Dark meat continued to have the best movement with supplies no more than adequate to tight. Tenders were balanced to well cleared, but all other breast items were fully adequate to ample with mixed interest. Wings were readily available with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Light trading reported for next week with prices unchanged to lower. Offerings adequate on whole body product under 3.5 pounds but ample on heavier weights. Lighter weight product was held with some confidence and heavier weights were discounted. Buying activity was only fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall best to cover featured activity. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Dark meat items were steady to fully steady to firm with white meat items steady to barely steady.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to about moderate. Offerings, of all sizes, ranged adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady. In the parts structure, breast items and wings were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally in good balance to well cleared.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds generally increased entering the weekend and was about moderate into most terminal markets. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were irregular. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Leg items were in the closer balance with immediate needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.73
NO. OF BOXES	7,072
CUMULATIVE	
	04/04/05-04/08/05
	04/05/04-04/09/04
NO. OF BOXES	04/04/05-04/08/05
	04/05/04-04/09/04
	76.23
	79.64
	29,169
	40,157

APR 07

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

APR 08

	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY		
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	800	130.00-210.00	135-143	143.93	590	136.00-156.00	139-145	143.53	3,555	144.00	
TENDERLOINS	218	155.00-200.00	157-161	159.50	178	152.00-200.00	155-161	158.65	961	159.06	
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	80.00-100.00	89-93	89.92	TOO FEW TO REPORT				298	90.40	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				296	72.79	
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				327	45.02	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	30.00-35.00	33	32.88	524	31.00-35.00	32-33	32.67	2,845	32.60	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,085	32.00-38.00	35-36	34.63	1,250	34.00-38.00	35	34.92	5,590	34.32	
WINGS (WHOLE)	345	62.00-102.00	87-90	84.90	297	61.00-94.00	84-88	84.72	1,501	86.26	
WINGS (CUT)	455	78.00-106.00	97-102	100.99	505	77.00-104.00	96-100	99.50	2,260	103.28	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				261	42.08	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				140	45.61	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				460	97.57	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR APR 07, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR APR 08, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK.						

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.00 - 55.00	48.11	50.00 - 54.00	51.84	53.20
The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.				

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but still noted as no better than fair. Offerings of breast items ranged adequate to available. Wings were fully adequate. Tenderloins were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was fully steady on tenderloins and most dark meat items. Breast items and wings were about steady to barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

APR 07, 2005

APR 08, 2005

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS				
BREAST - B/S	148-153	155.12	681,640		148-153	155.53	594,400	155.23			3,169,346
TENDERLOINS	160	155.41	227,570		160	156.91	124,040	156.06			757,550
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	87.16	106,840		82-83	89.48	153,080	92.45			609,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	78.92	94,440		82	79.05	124,800	81.13			509,920
LEGS	48-49	48.25	272,560		48-49	48.33	172,000	47.68			1,161,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.20	325,080		34-35	34.68	308,497	33.71			1,562,281
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.93	121,800		35-36	42.60	132,800	39.68			646,720
THIGHS	39-40	47.86	73,720		39-40	51.15	74,680	48.40			354,140
B/S THIGHS	96-97	96.52	87,480		98-99	96.21	93,800	96.31			486,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86	92.86	139,720		85-86	97.66	271,580	92.01			949,700
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.52	17,800		10-12	11.27	18,560	11.45			93,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.82	16,520		30-35	32.15	11,600	29.69			80,010
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.56	18,120		55-60	57.72	13,040	51.37			122,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED	
(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)				POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	
	04/08	04/07	04/06	04/05	04/06	04/05	04/01	03/30			RANGE
Alabama	4,117	4,005	3,949	3,922	5.21	5.37	4,036	5.24		FRESH FRYERS	97-99
Arkansas	5,017	5,458	5,318	5,234	5.11	5.22	5,216	5.18		ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
Delmarva	2,186	2,261	2,122	2,199	5.69	5.62	2,124	5.60		HENS UNDER 5#	
KY-LA-TN	2,066	2,143	2,056	2,074	5.03	4.92	2,067	4.75		HENS OVER 5#	65-73
Mississippi	3,060	3,035	2,960	3,078	5.66	5.67	2,896	5.59		DUCKS	
North Carolina	2,579	2,504	2,348	2,438	6.49	6.49	2,482	6.45		RABBITS-WHOLE	
Texas	2,256	2,632	2,507	2,504	5.29	5.37	3,444	5.25		RABBITS-CUT UP	
Total	21,281	22,038	21,260	21,449	5.43	5.49	22,265	5.41			
Mon-Fri	108,358(A)						105,693(A)			<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Apr-05 and 09-Apr-05 is estimated to be 31,839,000 head down 4.71 percent from a week ago and up 12.93 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,411,000, last year 28,194,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 09-Apr-05 is estimated to be 156,729,000 head up 1.11 percent from a week ago, and up 4.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,010,000, last year 150,462,000)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS			RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK		105-107
	DRY PACK		105-108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK		108-111
	DRY PACK		111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK		89-93
	DRY PACK		89-95
DUCKS			180-192

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 26-Mar-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	29,202	17,481	43,843
Avg Weight	3.74	4.73	6.34
% of total /1	32%	19%	48%

#### Comparisons

Last week	29,594	25,484	39,720
Avg Weight	3.57	4.84	6.43
% of total /1	31%	27%	42%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,131	26,466	47,557
Avg Weight	3.58	4.76	6.24
% of total /1	26%	26%	47%

To date/2005	323,739	254,273	564,090
To date/2004	315,726	260,292	526,147

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 02-Apr-2005 YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS

	THOUSANDS				
Head	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092	500
Avg Wt	5.17	3.34	8.07	5.51	6.41
Last week	151,161	1,711	1,356	3,067	503
Same wk yr ago	152,052	1,234	1,172	2,406	507
Avg Wt	5.19	3.42	8.22	5.76	6.28
To-date/2005	2,032,200	19,302	17,098	36,400	6,602
To-date/2004	1,994,439	16,508	16,378	32,886	6,019

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 8.5 million less than estimated available.

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

APRIL 05, 2005

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.96 - 1.05	Geese 9-14 LBS	.60 - .70
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .95	Pigeons	3.10 - 3.25ea.
Pekin Ducks	.40 - .45	White Pigeons	4.75 - 5.25ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 - 1.05	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.20 - 1.30
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.85 - .95	Bunnies	2.50 - 5.00ea.
Crossbred Fowl 4-6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20	Guinea Pigs	.10 - .50ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Goats	50.00 - 55.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.90 - 1.00	Kid Goats	25.00 - 29.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.60 - 1.70	Doves	4.75 - 5.25ea.
Banty Roasters	3.75 - 4.25ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.50ea.	Total Coops Sold	576

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-APRIL-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-74.50	72.00-74.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.50	75.00-81.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-APR-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	120-135	127-139

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February	26 158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March	5 162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
	12 159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
	19 159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
	26 153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April	2 156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
Year to date	2056.8	2104.7	98%	
April	9	166.0		
	16	166.2		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	04/09/05	04/02/05	% CHG	04/10/04	% CHG
Broilers	156,729	155,010*	+1.11	150,462*	+4.17
Cattle	582	566	+03	566*	+03
Hogs	1,984	1,979	0	1,973*	+01

\*ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were fair to moderate with most available being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25-30 MAJORITY 26-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
27-33 MAJORITY 28-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 3-13 8-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Salvage costs were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** All prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings fully adequate to ample as producers remove additional spent hens due to depressed egg markets. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST 0-8.5 5.5-8.5

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-APR-05

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were light. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

<b>RANGE MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

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